

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
ANNOUNCEMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING FOR A WATER QUALITY STUDY (TMDL) OF
MOORES CREEK, MEADOW CREEK, SCHENKS BRANCH, AND
LODGE CREEK**

COMMITTEE MEETING: A Technical Advisory Committee meeting which is open to the public will be held Friday, January 30, 2015 at 9am at the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission's Water Street Center at 407 East Water Street, Charlottesville, VA. This meeting will be open to the public and all are welcome. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until Monday, February 2 at 9am. For more information, please contact Tara Sieber at Tara.Sieber@deq.virginia.gov or 540.574.7870.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and its contractors, Virginia Tech's Biological Systems Engineering Department, will discuss population data for the development of a water quality study known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) for Moores Creek, Lodge Creek, Meadow Creek and Schenks Branch. This is an opportunity for local residents to share information about the area and its local streams.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: The Technical Advisory Committee will meet to discuss review permit details, discuss possibilities of cross-program collaboration, and review next steps. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: These streams do not host a healthy and diverse population of aquatic life, and subsequently was listed as impaired for the "General Benthic (Aquatic life)" water quality standard. This water quality study (TMDL) will review all data collected and determine the cause of the benthic impairment through a weight of evidence approach. Reductions and a TMDL for the cause of the impairment will be developed.

Stream	County	Impairment
Moores Creek	Charlottesville/Albemarle	Aquatic Life
Lodge Creek	Charlottesville/Albemarle	Aquatic Life
Meadow Creek	Charlottesville/Albemarle	Aquatic Life
Schenks Branch	Charlottesville	Aquatic Life

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee are open to the public and all interested parties are welcome. Written comments are always accepted. For more information or to submit written comments, please contact:

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